THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of special area development authority

745. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set-up a Special Area Development Authority to promote Tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would include Kanyakumari in the circuit-cum-destinations for promotion of tourism because of its national importance as a tourist centre?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The scheme of Special Tourism Areas envisages constitution of a Special Area Development Authority in each of the areas by the State Governments. However, the details of the scheme have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Proposals for tourism village in Delhi and other States

746. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to build a tourism village near the Qutab Hotel in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the other places in the country where there are proposals to construct tourism villages, and what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to build one such tourism village in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Central Department of Tourism have not listed any proposal during the current year for Central financial assistance for the setting up of tourism villages in states including Andhra Pradesh.

Places under special tourism area scheme

747. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Andhra Pradesh which are identified under Special Tourism Area Scheme; and

(b) what improvement Government propose to make under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of the scheme for Special Tourism Areas in the counrry have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Lack of navigational aids at airports

748. SHRI M. S GURUPADASWAMY:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airports in the country which are functioning with out-dated equipment and lack navigational aids;

(b) what are the reasons for not modernising these airports and replacing the out-dated equipment;

(c) whether Government have assessed loss suffered by it as a result of it, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to remove the deficiencies at these airports in a phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There are no airports functioning with out-dated equipments;

(b) and (d) Modernisation of navigational and other equipment at domestic airports by replacing old equipments with new ones or by adding new equipments, is a continuous process and is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and the land.

Site for new airport in Bangalore

749. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 222 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25-11-91 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to find out an alternative airport near Bangalore has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-operational airports in Karnataka

750. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports in Karnataka and how many of them are not operating air services; and

(b) what are the details of such airports and what are the reasons for not operating them particularly the Hubli Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 18 aerodromes in Karnataka out of which 16 are not operating air services.

(b) Details of the aerodromes are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below)

The reasons for not operating air services from 16 aerodromes are shortage of aircraft capacity with the Vayudoot Ltd., non-availability of infrastructure, economic viability and passenger load etc. So far as Hubli aerodrome is concerned, flight operations cannot take place due to undermention works-in-progress:—

1. Asphalting and marking of runway.
2. Shifting of H. T. lines in the approach funnel.
3. Chain link fencing around the airfield.